

A RESOLUTION

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BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, TO ACCEPT, AND TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT AGREEMENTS OFFERED TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA BY THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA) FOR SECURITY PROJECTS AT HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR, OCTOBER 1, 2005, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta (the "City"), as owner and operator of the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, will commence receiving offers of grants-in-aid from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for various security projects at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2001, President Bush signed into law the Aviation Transportation Security Act, which created the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to oversee certain aspects of transportation security; and

WHEREAS, the timing and the amount of the various Grant offers from the TSA are determined by the availability of funding from Congressional appropriations and the ability of airports around the nation to provide justification for security eligible projects, with the result that offers are accompanied by short deadlines for acceptance and execution and failure to meet the deadlines means the opportunity to obtain such funding will be lost; and

WHEREAS, since airports have different levels of risks and those risks are not identical in use or design, it is mandatory that all available funding from the TSA Grants be obtained in order for the City to comply with certain federal security mandates as it relates to the movement of and the protection of air passengers, baggage and aircraft in civil aviation; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent, therefore, to provide for Grant funds to be applied for, and Grant offers from the TSA to be accepted, and Grant Agreements to be executed, in a timely manner to assure that the deadlines imposed by the TSA will be met, and that no opportunities for funding will be lost, by authorizing appropriate actions by the Mayor or her designee during the upcoming federal fiscal year, as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to apply for, to accept grant offers, and to execute all grant agreements on behalf of the City of Atlanta offered by the TSA during the federal fiscal year October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006, for all security projects, including, but not limited to, operational improvements and projects for construction planning at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport which are determined by the TSA to be eligible for federal assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Attorney be and hereby is directed to prepare each Grant Agreement for execution by the Mayor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that no Grant Agreement authorized hereunder shall become binding upon the City and the City shall incur no obligation or liability thereunder until the same have been signed by the Mayor and delivered to the TSA.

Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: Transportation

Caption:

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Council Meeting Date: 8/19/05

Legislation Title: Resolution

Requesting Dept.: Transportation

Contract Type: N/A

Source Selection: N/A

Bids/Proposals Due: N/A

Invitations Issued: N/A

**Number of Bids/
Proposals Received:** N/A

Bidders/Proponents: N/A

Justification Statement: The TSA requests that the DOA accept security grant offers on or before 9/30/06 in order to constitute a legal binding obligation of Grant funds on behalf of the airport; therefore, it is imperative that this legislation be submitted before Council and approved in order to meet any TSA deadline that is imposed.

Background: This action will authorize the Aviation General Manager to file applications for available grant funds from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) when funds become available. Advance authorization for FY 2006 will assure that all steps can be taken to get all the funding possible from the TSA for vital airport security projects. Without advance authorization, it might not be possible to get every grant offer executed within the deadline, and some opportunities might be missed. Deadlines are imposed for each grant to enable the TSA to pass the funds on to others who can execute grants prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Fund Account Center: **TBD**

Source of Funds: **Grant and R&E**

Fiscal Impact: **None**

Term of Contract: **N/A**

Method of Cost Recovery: **N/A**

Approvals:

DOF:

DOL:

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